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5. [] Accompanied Messrs. []
CI Staff, and [] SAVA, to a briefing of Ed Braswell and
Jack Ticer, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on the drug
situation in Southeast Asia. The Committee staffers were pleased to
get this information and said they would not attribute anything contained
in the briefing to the Agency. The briefing was rather general in nature
and did not get into great detail on Saigon government involvement in the
problem.

Braswell repeated the statement he has made on numerous
occasions since the Defense procurement authorization bill was before
the Armed Services Committee last year that they needed information
from the Administration regarding our policy in Southeast Asia. As
before, I told Braswell this was something that should be taken up
either with the Department of Defense or the White House.

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6. [] Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, and
General Philpott, of DIA, in a meeting with Russ Blandford and Frank
Slatinshek, of the House Armed Services Committee staff, to clarify
the confusion about the new Soviet ICBM silos. Duckett and Philpott
emphasized that there was no disagreement between CIA and DIA as to
the evidence regarding the new silos, and it was too soon to arrive at
any firm conclusions as to their ultimate significance. Philpott provided
Blandford and Slatinshek with a brief unclassified prepared statement
spelling this out, but Blandford and Slatinshek indicated they would feel
free to go beyond this in public statements which might be issued by
the Committee.

After Philpott and Duckett departed I briefed Blandford and
Slatinshek on the E-II class Soviet sub that just arrived in Cuba.

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7. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, on the E-II class Soviet sub in Cuba.

I also told Preston of the request of Blandford, of the House Armed
Services Committee staff, that he and Slatinshek wanted a briefing on the
Agency budget in order to backstop Chairman Hebert in the event of
questions from the floor regarding CIA funds in the Defense budget. I told
Preston how we plan to respond to this request and he seemed to find this
satisfactory. I suggested that he let Chairman Mahon know that for the
first time the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee was getting into
the Agency budget which had heretofore been discussed only with
Appropriations Committee.

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Recently there have been a number of press reports concerning new Soviet ICBM developments, and reported differences within our government as to the purpose of these developments. It is time to set the record straight.

First, there is no disagreement between the CIA and the DIA. Both agencies agree fully that there is not one, but two, different ICBM programs involved in the activity presently underway in the Soviet Union.

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Evidence now available does not permit a conclusion on the kind of missiles that will be deployed in the new silos. There are at least these possibilities and combinations: The SS-9 and the SS-11 could be deployed; a modified version of these systems could be installed; or new missile systems could be deployed. Regardless of the prospective use of either type silo, the evidence indicates the new silos will be harder than existing Soviet ICBM silos.

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Question:

Are any of the funds authorized in this
Bill for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty?

Answer:

No. This Bill contains no authorization
for appropriations to be used to provide funds
for the Radios.

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